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## Tribal members form ‘oversight committee’

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Concerns surrounding the handling of Southern Ute Indian tribal affairs at the highest levels prompted a meeting of more than 50 tribal members the evening of Feb. 9 at the new multi-purpose building at Ute Park.

Tribal elder Lynda Grove-D’Wolf emceed the meeting, the stated purpose of which was to develop a plan to fix tribal leadership to better serve the Southern Ute community.

“This is to reassure tribal members that they are dealing with the problem and an answer is going to be forthcoming,” Grove-D’Wolf said.

Tribal members raised a multitude of concerns about the current administration, including hiring practices, Growth Fund investments, secrecy, and a general disregard for the welfare of tribal members. Many complaints were aimed at Chairman Matthew J. Box.

“We lost our government a

long time ago,” said tribal elder Ray C. Frost, who several times called on tribal members to pressure the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council to remove Box, who remained in office as of Feb. 10. “Truthfulness will heal us.”

Frost said Box has “put a black mark on our tribe across Indian country” and proposed an “oversight committee” to ensure Tribal Council members are made accountable to tribal members. The details of how the committee would function and what its specific duties would be were not discussed at length.

“We need to make sure that our government is transparent,” he said. “The truth behind it really now has to unravel.”

Six tribal members volunteered for the committee: Michelle Chavez, Lark GoodTracks, Misty Jefferson, Judy Lansing, Alden Naranjo and Neida Ray.

Some tribal members lamented that no Tribal Council members were present, but Councilman Al



Cloud

Cloud, released from a two-week hospital stay earlier in the day, made a late appearance.

“I felt like it was my place and my duty to talk to you guys. I’m here for you guys. I may not have all the answers, but I’ll try to get some answers,” he said. “I support you guys.”

Cloud said he was aware of communication problems between the tribal administration and membership.

“This administration is afraid to talk to you guys because they’re afraid they’re going to be told off,” he said. “The way I see things going up there – it’s not good.”

Cloud said he feels badly that the council is setting an example young tribal members don’t want to follow.

Some present said they feel their tribal government no

longer serves its people as it was meant to. The administration was criticized for what many viewed as the suspect hiring of a non-tribal member into a new position without proper advertising, which would have allowed tribal members to compete.

Michelle Chavez said after working for the Sky Ute Casino since its inception and earning a psychology degree, she returned to find there were no jobs available to her.

“There was nothing there for me. I was there for 12 years, and they didn’t do anything for me,” she said. “We as people need to say enough is enough.”

Misty Jefferson used stronger language.

“We have a dictator as a leader. Telling the people not to vote was the wrong thing to do. You don’t do that,” she said, referring to Box’s plea on KSUT radio to supporters to stay home during the Dec. 3, 2010, recall election. The motion ultimately failed on low turnout.

“I think we do need to call our council people,” Jefferson said. “They need to hear from us. Otherwise, they think that they’re working without any support.”

Marge Barry agreed, asking fellow tribal members to touch base with council members.

“We should give the council our support,” she said. “What’s good for the tribal members is good for everyone else.”

Neida Ray cast the problem in a different light, saying tribal members should take advantage of a definite opportunity to improve their lot.

“It’s sad that we have to go through this, but it’s also kind of a blessing,” she said. “This is for our future, our kids. We need to step up and bring our tribe forward.”

**For updates on this breaking news story**

Check our website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/drum](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/drum)

## Royalty rides in spooky Snowdown Light Parade



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Royalty members braved the cold for this year’s Snowdown Light Parade the evening of Feb. 4 aboard a grand float that made its way down Main Avenue in Durango. The annual procession is the high point of the weeklong celebration, which encourages residents to come out and mingle despite the weather.

Pictured on the Southern Ute Royalty float are (left to right): Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Eufemia Pardo, Kruz Pardo as the wolfman, Southern Ute Little Brave First Alternate Amarante Pardo, Junior Miss Southern Ute Sage Medicine Blanket, and Little Miss Southern Ute D’Vondra Garcia.

For more photos of Snowdown, see page 6.

## IHS crowns Winter Royalty



Ignacio High School’s Winter Royalty took center court before their royal subjects during halftime of the IHS boys’ basketball game against the Ridgway Demons on Saturday, Feb. 5 in the high school gymnasium.



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Senior Queen Jimi Lynn Sanchez (far left photo) was crowned by King Pedro Vigil. Sanchez was escorted by her father, Jimmy Sanchez.

Senior First Alternate Rose Mirabal (left) was escorted by her father, Vincent Mirabal, and nephew, Sonny, and accompanied by Ryan Brooks.

Senior Second Alternate Mariah Pena (above) was escorted by her father, Kenneth Pena, and accompanied by Casey Haga.

For more Winter Royalty photos, see page 7 of the Drum.



# News in brief

## IGNACIO

### Oil and gas royalty Q&A session scheduled

The Department of the Interior Oil and Gas Royalty will conduct a question and answer session on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the BIA-Southern Ute Agency from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and against at the Southern Ute Senior Center from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. For more information, contact Johnna Oberly of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 970-563-4511 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226. We look forward to assisting you.

### Ignacio High School building sheds for sale

Building Trades of Ignacio High School would like to build a shed for you. Sizes are 8x10, 10x12, 12x12, 12x18, or custom to fit your needs. To order your sheds, call Mr. Hansen at 970-563-0544. They will begin construction on Feb. 1 and finish and deliver the last shed by May 16.

### Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Meat is processed and packaged using local processors and is available as hamburger, steaks, roasts, stew meat and other specialty cuts. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

### Hay for sale

The Southern Ute Bison Program has 500 bales of grass hay cut in 2010 for sale at \$5 per bale. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing hay, call Chris Olguin at 970-563-0130 or 970-749-5088.

### Elders travel information

For all tribal elders and handicapped or disabled members wanting to travel in your own private vehicle, the Elders Department needs the following information for Marge in the Purchasing Office:

1. Your updated vehicle insurance
2. Your up-to-date driver license or that of the person who will be driving you

When you return from your trip, please turn in your motel or hotel receipt within 5 working days; if you don't, Finance will be billing you for the total amount of your trip. The Elders Services Department needs your flyer and two weeks prior notice to travel. And you, as the traveler, will make your own motel or hotel reservation. Have any questions? Call Elder Services at 970-563-0156.

## IACAP – IGNACIO AREA CORRIDOR ACCESS PLAN

All registered Southern Ute Indian Tribe members, aged 18 and over and their families are invited to a "Dinner and Informational Meeting" regarding the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort, Event Center, Room A • Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has contracted with URS Corporation, to develop the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan in conjunction with CDOT, LaPlata County and the Town Of Ignacio. This is an opportunity for Tribal Members to come and be a part of what will determine existing and future access needs in the defined study area and make recommendations that seek to establish the appropriate balance between access to adjacent land uses and maintaining an acceptable Level of Service (LOS) and safety on SH172/SH151/CR517. Representatives from the 4 entities will be on hand to receive input regarding this issue from Tribal members.

Please RSVP to Marcella Olbert by Feb. 23 and advise how many from your household will be attending so the meal can be planned accordingly. There will be awesome prize giveaways but you must be present to win.

Marcella can be reached at Tribal Planning by phone at 970-563-4749, fax 970-563-4839 or by email at molbert@southern-ute.nsn.us

**No phones, no TV, no distractions!!  
Just a fun tumbling time with your child.**



**Tumbling Tots  
Tuesday 10-10:45 a.m.  
In Ignacio at the SunUte Community Center**







**Call Nicole/Robin at 563-0214 for more info. Fee: Free for SunUte members. \$4 for non-members. Bring in this ad and your first class is FREE!**

## Tribal office closure

**Southern Ute tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 in observance of Presidents Day.**

**Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 22.**



**Local Boys & Girls Club Day  
SPRING SCHEDULE  
@ Fort Lewis College**

### Game Tickets

**\$10/adult  
\$5/high school & senior citizens  
\$3/kids  
FREE/ 5yr under**  
Purchase @ Gate.



**Men's & Women's Basketball Game  
Saturday, February 12, 2011  
Whalen Gym  
Women's starts @ 5:30pm  
Men's starts @ 7:30pm  
Admission includes both games**

**Club members may bring one guest for FREE to this game. Guest tickets may be picked up at BGC.**

**Boys & Girls Club Members are FREE at this event!**  
Club members must bring their ticket & BGC shirt to enter. Acquire Club member tickets from our BGC Front Desk.

# Many Moons Ago

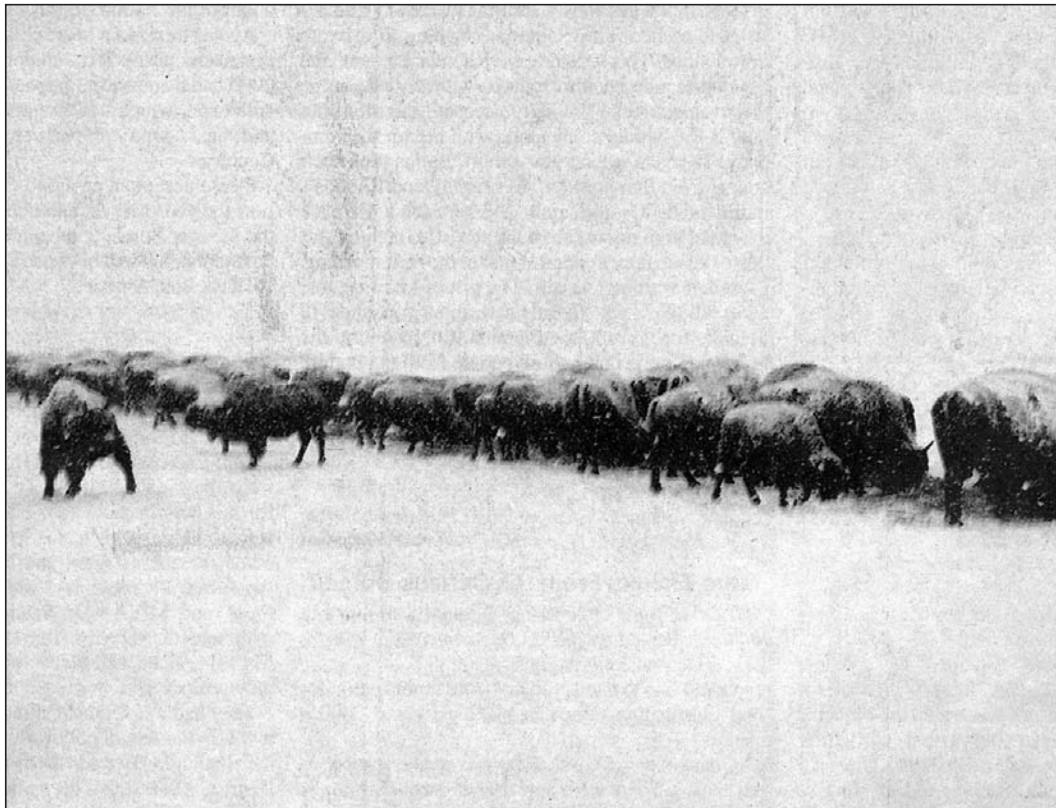


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## 10 years ago

*This surreal picture was all too real for the Southern Ute tribal bison herd. Bison manager Chris Olguin snapped this photograph during a series of winter storms that swept throughout the Southern Ute homelands during late January and early February 2001. The herd was expected to produce 25 calves that spring.*

*This photo first appeared in the Feb. 9, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.*



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 20 Years Ago

*Ignacio Elementary School students were treated to a special viewing of the famous Budweiser Clydesdale horses and the Budweiser wagon at the Sky Ute Downs. The team of eight pulled the wagon in shows across the country. In 1991, the Clydesdales took part in the Snowdown Light Parade in Durango.*

*This photo first appeared in the Feb. 8, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.*



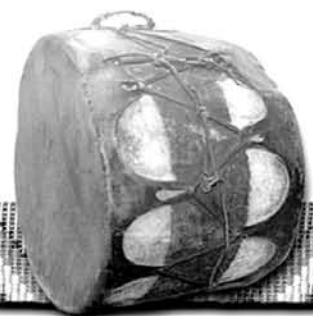
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## 30 Years Ago

*The Southern Ute Police Department was revised as part of the Tribal Council's update to tribal police personnel policies, in accordance with other state and federal agencies, at a Feb. 18, 1981, council meeting. As part of the revision, these officers were promoted (left to right): Lt. Elwood Kent, Capt. Eddie Box Jr., Chief of Police Arthur Weaver, and Sgt. Robert Burch.*

*This photo first appeared in the Feb. 13, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.*





Re: Revision of Code of Ethics

Dear tribal members:

As you may know, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has been reviewing and working on revisions to the Tribe's Code of Ethics. As we continue this important process, we would like to call upon tribal members for their insight and input to ensure that the code best serves its intended purpose.

While we may consider a comment period for all tribal members later on in the adoption process, we are now looking for two tribal members who would be willing and available to serve on a seven-member group to review and propose revisions to the code. The two tribal members selected for this service will work with various other individuals to review the code over the course of 90 days and respond to the council with proposed revisions or other issues to consider.

Interested tribal members who would be available for such work and who have knowledge of and familiarity with the Tribal Code, policies and procedures should submit letters of interest to Mr. Charley Flagg, director of the Department of Justice & Regulatory, no later than Feb. 18. Upon selection by the Tribal Council, it is anticipated that the Code review/revision group would begin its work no later than early March.

Please contact Mr. Flagg at 970-563-0100 ext. 3100, or my office at 970-563-0100 ext. 2319, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Matthew J. Box, chairman  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

## Powwow Etiquette Workshop and Roles of Men & Women in the Powwow Circle

Multi-Purpose Building in the Gathering Room

Feb. 17 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Dinner and Door Prizes!!

Hosted by: Southern Ute Royalty Committee

For further information, please contact  
Jeannette Frost at 970-563-0128 or jfrost@southern-ute.nsn.us

## Southern Ute Sun Dance meeting

Feb. 28, 6 p.m.

Multi-purpose Building



## Ute Language

KùchunavÛ - *Quilt*

Mog'goiÇa - *Blanket*

Payuvì - *Cloth*

*Editor's note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996*

## PowWow Trails

### Ira H. Hayes Veterans PowWow Feb. 18

Sacaton Ball Field Park • Sacaton, AZ

Contact: Marc Sekayouma

Phone: 520-562-1626

Email: nezperce46@yahoo.com

### Red Hoop Round Dance

Feb. 19 - 20

1585 Watasheamu Dr. • Gardnerville, NV

Contact: Martin Montgomery

Phone: 775-459-9655

Email: rdhoop3@yahoo.com

URL: RedHoopRoundDance@facebook.com

### O'odham Tash Social PowWow Feb. 19 - 20

512 Eleven Mile Corner Road • Casa Grande, AZ

Contact: Georgette Johnson

Phone: 520-450-1338

Email: ot.softball\_39@yahoo.com

### Utah State University 38th Annual PowWow Feb. 25 - 26

700 N. 800 E. (Nelson Fieldhouse) • Logan, UT

Contact: Layne Koyle

Phone: 435-757-5350

Email: layne.j.k@aggiemail.usu.edu

### Painted Horse PowWow

March 4 - 5

404 E. Hopi Drive • Holbrook, AZ

Contact: Justin Chischillie

Phone: 928-401-1960

Email: jayceenac@yahoo.com

### 5th Annual Veterans PowWow March 12

McDowell and Longmore Rd. • Scottsdale, AZ

Contact: George W. Robinson

Phone: 480-362-5530

Email: george.robinson@srpmic-nsn.gov

Web: www.srpmic-nsn.gov

### Denver March PowWow

March 18 - 20

4600 Humbolt St. • Denver, CO

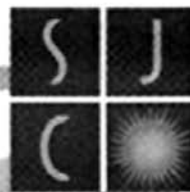
Contact: Denver March Powwow, Inc.

Phone: 303-934-8045

Email: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net

Web: www.denvermarchpowwow.org

## 2nd Annual Veterans Seminar



Thursday, March 17, 2011

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Henderson Fine Arts (Rm. 9008-9010)

San Juan College 4601 College Blvd.

Farmington, NM 87402

Refreshments will  
be served!!!

Representatives from the following offices will be available:

- Melissa Middleton-Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Program
- Beverly Charley-New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
- Elise Wheeler-University of New Mexico Campus Vet Center
- Storey Smith-Mobile Vet Center
- Charlotte Atso-Veterans' Service Officer Farmington

## TRIBAL ACTIVITIES!

**Every Sunday in January at the  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
In the John S. Williams Room.  
12:00pm-3:30pm**

JAN 2 UTE MOVIES & NECKLACE MAKING  
JAN 9 SWEATSHIRT MAKING  
JAN 16 FINISHING UP SEWING  
JAN 23 UTE BINGO AND CARD GAME  
JAN 30 HAND GAMES  
FEB 6 VALENTINE CARD MAKING  
FEB 13 PAINTING  
FEB 20 FINISH PROJECTS  
FEB 27 UTE BINGO AND CARD PLAYING

Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Night on Sundays at the casino from 12-3:30pm.

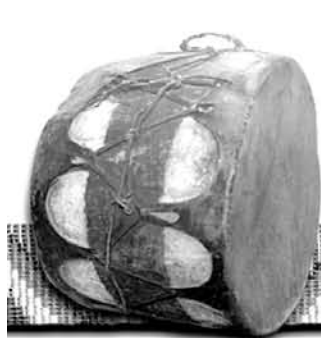
All Activity Nights will be in the John S. Williams Room from 12:00-3:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For Additional information please call  
Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.



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# The Kidney Corner:

*What causes chronic kidney disease?*

**By Dr. Mark Saddler**  
*Durango Nephrology Associates*

In the last edition of the Kidney Corner, we discussed the stages of chronic kidney disease. To recap, CKD is graded from stage one (the least severe) to stage five (the most severe level, frequently requiring dialysis). What are the underlying illnesses or conditions that can cause this type of decrease in kidney function?

The most common cause of kidney disease is diabetes, also called diabetes mellitus. There are two forms of diabetes mellitus: type one, which is due to a deficiency in insulin production by the pancreas – this form is relatively rare in Native American patients – and type two, which is more common, tends to begin later in life, and is associated with being overweight in many, but not all, patients.

Type-two diabetes results from a decreased ability of cells to respond to insulin, rather than an absolute deficiency of this hormone. The resulting high glucose levels cause damage to various organs, including the filtering cells of the kidneys, resulting in damage to the filtering membrane of the kidneys.

This causes loss of protein in the urine and subsequently scarring of the microscopic filters, gradually reducing the ability of the kidneys to excrete toxins from the body.

About 40 percent of patients



with end-stage renal disease on dialysis have diabetes, and the prevalence of diabetes appears to be increasing in the American population. It is important that we find ways to stem this epidemic of diabetes by improving our lifestyles, increasing our levels of activity, and avoiding being overweight by restricting calories when appropriate.

The second most common cause of CKD is hypertension, or high blood pressure. Careful attention to the treatment of this “silent killer” can help prevent the onset and progression of CKD as well as avoiding other health complications like heart attacks and strokes.

Again, treatment involves attention to lifestyle – avoiding salt, exercising, avoiding excess weight gain – and, often, medications. If you have high blood pressure, don’t be tempted to ignore it!

Inflammation of the kidney, called glomerulonephritis, is a

less common but potentially treatable cause of kidney failure. Some forms of GN, most notably a form called IgA nephropathy, are more common in Native American patients. Like other causes of CKD, GN can also be “silent” (causing no symptoms), but it is sometimes detected by the presence of associated high blood pressure, swollen ankles, or protein in the urine detected by lab tests.

Other causes of chronic kidney disease include various medications, including some over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medicines, infections, obstruction of urine due to prostate enlargement and some less common hereditary conditions. We will continue to discuss each of these periodically in the Kidney Corner.

So, with all these risks to the kidneys, how can you tell whether you have a problem that could progress to severe kidney failure? Simple screening tests can usually detect CKD fairly easily. For most people, this screening would include a blood pressure check, a blood test for creatinine, which is easily performed in all medical laboratories, and a urine test for protein.

I would recommend that you have these three tests performed if you have known diabetes, hypertension, a family history of CKD, or if you have any other known medical condition which increases your risk for CKD.

I wish you good health!

# Flu and winter illnesses have arrived

*Health Department recommends precautions*

**Media release**  
*San Juan Basin Health Department*

Flu is circulating statewide and here in our community, but Leon Vinci, director of public health for San Juan Basin Health Department, says there are ways people can protect themselves.

Several area school districts are seeing higher student absenteeism this week due to flu and other common winter illnesses, according to Bari Wagner, communicable disease nurse for San Juan Basin Health Department.

“We typically see a rise in students missing days of school this time of year due various illnesses, including flu, but also strep, common colds and stomach

bugs,” she said.

“Fortunately, the same basic health precautions that help prevent the flu are also those that assist in preventing other illnesses commonly spread person to person,” Vinci said. “Especially in winter when we’re all in close quarters, public health recommends these precautionary actions for students and all community members: wash your hands frequently; keep your hands away from your face; cover your sneezes and coughs with your sleeve, not your hand; avoid others with respiratory illnesses; stay home if you’re ill – especially if you have a fever over 100 degrees; and stay home 24 hours until the fever has left.”

These steps help in protecting

the individual from getting sick as well as helping to stop the spread of disease, he said.

“Getting a flu vaccination is still the best defense against the disease,” Vinci said.

The predominant flu strains among individuals tested this season have been those found in this year’s seasonal flu vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Individuals who want to get vaccinated against the flu can call San Juan Basin Health Department to schedule an appointment at 970-247-5702 or call your physician or pharmacy.

More information about flu prevention is available at [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov).

# CDOT pamphlet features local youth



Jael Rios, son of Jose and Brittany Rios, was selected as this year’s winner in a unique photo contest – in this case, the contest winner is not the photographer, but the model. Rios’s photo will appear on the cover of the statewide-distributed pamphlet “When Your World Rides With You,” a guide to proper car seat and seat belt usage. On Monday, Jan. 23, representatives from Southern Ute Community Action Programs and the Ignacio Tri-ethnic Injury Prevention Coalition paid a visit to Rios, who was eager to advocate for the highest standards in safety from the comfort of his car seat.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

# Health Dept. receives outreach grant

**Media release**  
*San Juan Basin Health Department*

Many families and pregnant women in our community don’t realize they qualify for public insurance such as CHP+ and Medicaid.

Raising of the income eligibility levels of these programs is helping more children and pregnant women gain regular access to healthcare. This is especially crucial during our current tough economic period.

San Juan Basin Health Department just received a MORE grant of \$37,000 from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The funding will be used for Maximizing Outreach Retention and Enrollment (MORE) of community members who now qualify for CHP+ or Medicaid. In partnering with Montezuma County Health Department, we will be able to reach most of Southwest Colorado, including Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata and

Montezuma counties.

The San Juan Basin Health Department was one of two local public health departments in the state to receive this grant. The other recipients were medical institutions and family centers.

We invite local health providers and employers to partner with us in bringing this opportunity to more people in our community. To partner, or for more information, please call Kathleen at 970-335-2005 or email at [kathleen@sjbhd.org](mailto:kathleen@sjbhd.org).

## Mobile blood drives • Feb. 14 – Feb. 28

Any donor that wishes to donate at any of the Colorado area drives can call to set an appointment or get more information at 970-385-4601, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., or Sign Up Online @ [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com)

- **Feb. 14: La Plata Family Medicine**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Bloodmobile @ 3130 N Main, Durango
- **Feb. 16: Fort Lewis College**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. • 1000 Rim Drive, Durango
- **Feb. 24: Durango Office**, Weekly Draw Hours  
Monday, 1:00 p.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, No Center Blood Drives

## Introducing your new pharmacy



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Pharmacist Tony Shurts and colleagues are busy at work during the first hours of the new Southern Ute Health Center’s pharmacy’s debut on Monday, Jan. 31. Southern Ute Tribal Health Services’s new facility includes a spacious waiting room and a walk-up window on the east side. The new space will offer better working conditions and the added privacy of a consultation room.

See [SkyUteCasino.com](http://SkyUteCasino.com) for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

**Aspen Room**  
RESTAURANT & BAR

SKY UTE CASINO AND THE ASPEN ROOM RESTAURANT ARE

# PROUD TO OFFER A NEW LUNCH AND DINNER MENU!

Keeping the Local favorites like the Southern Ute Taco and S.W. Burrito and adding Great classics like Fajitas the California Chicken Club and much more!

## Come Taste the Difference!

New Lunch and Dinner Menu starts December 19, 2010 and runs 7 days a week.. And don't forget about our Delicious Lunch and Sunday Brunch Buffets or our Friday Night Seafood and Saturday night Prime Rib Buffet!

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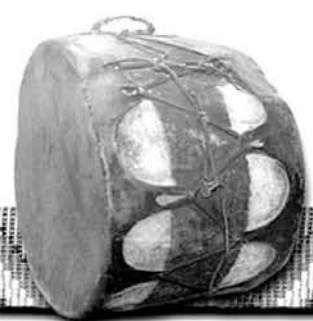
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**SKY UTE CASINO RESORT**  
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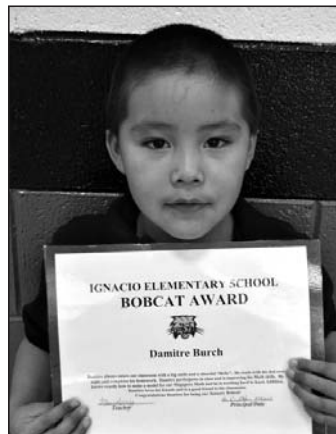
## Youth kick it into Overdrive



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Friday Night Overdrive kicked off Feb. 4 at the SunUte Community Center. The monthly event, which takes place the last Friday night of each month, offers attractions to junior high- and high school-aged youth like basketball, a live DJ, food, Nintendo Wii, and other games.

## Bobcats of the month



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for January for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Damitre Burch, Jasmine Carmenoros, Kierra Fournier, Nate Hendren, Christina Herrera, Milana Hight, Gerald Howe, Emilia Price and Ernesto Verneno.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Department**

**10th Annual Career Fair**

**April 13, 2011**  
**8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Sky Ute Casino & Resort, Events Center**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**  
If you have any questions please call 970-563-0237

## Education update

### Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on March 4, April 8 and May 6. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

### Books are Fun returns

Once again, the Books are Fun Company is back at the Education building. Stop by and see if anything catches your eye. The items are located in the east part of the building, by the offices. There are great items for birthday gifts, to assist you in exercising at home if you just don't have time for the gym, or just to read to your little ones. A list of items, delivery dates and contacts is available on the Drum website and at the Education building.

## Everyone Counts.

### Colorado's first conference on rural adult learning Call for Workshops

Adult education, ESOL instruction, family literacy programs, workforce education, vocational and/or bridge programs—it can all look quite different in the rural context, as compared with metropolitan classrooms. How are we managing to succeed here, among sparse populations and thin revenues? Share your ideas, skills, and triumphs, meet your peers, and spring into action! Professionals from across the rural spectrum, public and nonprofit, are welcome.

Proposals for 1 ½ to 2-hour sessions may be on any topic, best practice, research, or initiative relevant to the field. Deadline February 28, 2011.

**March 17 & 18, 2011**

Online registration and information at [PRCLC.ORG](http://PRCLC.ORG):

[www.prclc.org/prclc/index.cfm/news-pages/conference-for-rural-adult-learning-literacy/](http://www.prclc.org/prclc/index.cfm/news-pages/conference-for-rural-adult-learning-literacy/)

Hosted by a consortium of family literacy, adult and continuing education professionals in Southwest Colorado

**(970) 563-0681**

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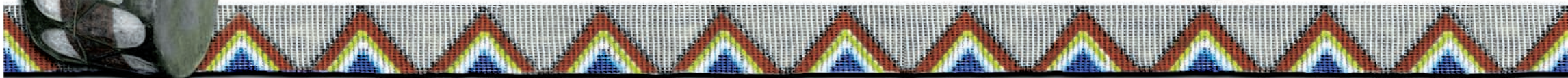
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# Snowdown: a monster good time



Snowdown festivities for 2011 wouldn't be complete without the Light Parade. Southern Ute entities played a strong role this year with representation from the Boys & Girls Club, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and the Southern Ute Royalty members, who each entered a float in the parade.



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Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Eufemia Pardo (above right), embraces her dog in the cold evening. Southern Ute Little Brave Carlos Whiteman (below), isn't spooked by the "Snowdown Bites" theme. Amarante Pardo (far left), little Southern Ute brave first alternate, receives final touches to his regalia. Joseph Garcia (left) dons a fierce-yet-fuzzy outfit to play to this years "monsters" theme, while his sister, Little Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra Garcia, pals around with her peers. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Sage Rohde (above left) and her mother Linda Baker mix with the crowd as floats are finalized and the excitement builds for yet another Snowdown event.







## Brooks roughs up Ridgway for 35

*By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum*

Freshman guard Clayton Jefferson could have killed off the final three seconds himself.

But he chose not to; he flipped the basketball a few feet ahead to the night's hero, senior Ryan Brooks, positioned in front of a roaring Ignacio Bobcat bench, before a roaring IHS Gymnasium crowd.

Appreciating that the Cats collected another San Juan Basin League win, but more so relieved because the big man's career-high 35 points almost wasn't enough against gutsy Ridgway.

"It's been good to get two wins on them," Brooks said after the 66-59 win Feb. 5 swept the home-and-home with RHS, "but I guarantee they got confidence from this one. So when we play them in districts they're going to be ready to play."

The Bobcats led after every quarter, but not without having to repel repeated Ridgway charges throughout all four frames. Demon guard Tanner Skalla opened the game with a three-pointer, but Brooks countered with a hoop off an inbounds lob pass. And after Ridgway's Josh Crozier canned his first threebie, Brooks answered with a runner over Julio Avila to tie at 6-6. The game was afoot.

He'd convert an old-fashioned hoop-and-one play with 3:22 left in the first to give Ignacio their first lead at 11-10, and later sank two foul shots with 0:01 left to put IHS back out front, 18-17.

Ridgway began the second quarter with a Crozier trey and a Dusty Woodruff baseline deuce, but Brooks again took away the sting with another three-point play to cut the Demons' lead down to 22-21.

Late in the quarter, Ignacio finally got their big some back-up. Senior Jay Black buried a three with 1:43 before halftime to re-tie the score at 28, then hit a short shot in the paint – only to see Avila erase it with one of his own and 0:57 remaining. Sensing the game's pulse, Bobcat Paul Tahlo swished a



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Getting going early Feb. 5 with this shot over Ridgway's Julio Avila (40), Ignacio's Ryan Brooks (3) couldn't be stopped at home. The Bobcat senior poured in 35 points in a tight 66-59 SJBL victory.

triple out of the right corner to give Ignacio a 33-30 lead that lasted into the break.

"They'd been in a losing slump lately and definitely wanted to beat us," Brooks said. "We're No. 1 in league, so we'll always get the best from everyone, but we had to tough one out this time."

The Cats appeared to have settled into their usual pace as they gradually built up a 44-34 lead on successive close-range hoops by Xavier Watts, Brooks, and Black, but Crozier's fourth three of the contest sparked a rally and Ignacio's lead was just 50-45 (Crozier hit again with 0:06 left) through three quarters.

Despite another fine output from junior Shane Richmond (15 points) in low-post support of

Brooks, and Alex Radovanovici's efforts (10 points) to buoy Crozier, the game had clearly become a two-horse race. Fortunately for Ignacio, Brooks had a lucky horseshoe: his free-throw shooting.

Sent to the line 12 times in the fourth quarter alone, Brooks sank 11, giving him a 16-of-18 performance that Ridgway literally couldn't stop with a hand in his face or shoulder in his chest. Two of those gave Ignacio a 60-52 lead, but two Radovanovici buckets over Brooks and an incredible Crozier three that barely touched the glass before falling in brought the Demons back to 61-59 with under a minute left.

**Brooks page 8**

## With Ridgway win, Lady Cats best '09-10 record

*By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum*

From, Homecoming, or last Saturday's Winter Royalty – the name usually doesn't matter.

Coaches' optimism often wavers when players' attention competes with popular pageantry. When more cameras flash for honored names than standout games, stationary upright poses seemingly valued above improvised dives to prevent a ball from going out of bounds.

Ignacio's Rose Mirabal knew beforehand – as did everyone who took a game program – that she'd be presented before a packed house as a member of Ignacio's selected seniors. But fortunately for head coach Brice Searles, she also knew before getting dressed up she'd have to dress out and face the Demons.

**Seibel page 8**



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Ignacio's Cloe Seibel (12) motors to the basket during a Feb. 5 home game, as Ridgway's Selina Hernandez (23) figures the best way to slow the Lady Bobcat is the hard way. It didn't work so well; Seibel scored 26 points in Ignacio's victory.

## We 3 kings: Matmen rule league championship

*By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum*

After a Jimi Hendrix-inspired "Star-Spangled Banner" rendition, things couldn't have gone any finer – or faster – for the Bobcats at the Feb. 4 San Juan Basin League Wrestling Championships.

Senior Casey Haga won thrice, including versus a state-worthy opponent; junior Teagan Overturf wrecked all three he faced; and junior Colton Wyatt, well, didn't need step onto the mat for his crown.

Except during introductions, when he was misidentified as absent 215-pounder Christian Knoll – an error corrected verbally in unison by the contingent of Ignacio backers present.

**Matmen page 8**



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Knocking Dolores' Bronco Odell out of his boots, Ignacio's Casey Haga takes the match to the mat during 145-pound action at the Feb. 4 San Juan Basin League Championships in Nucla. Haga pinned Odell 42 seconds into the second period, and later finished 3-0 for the tournament.



## Honoring Winter Royalty

Ignacio High School hosted its Winter Royalty Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 5 in the IHS gym during halftime of the Ignacio boys' basketball game. The Bobcats hosted the Demons of Ridgway.

Ignacio Winter Royalty, pictured left to right:

Junior Princess Brittney Benavidez was escorted by her father, Aaron Benavidez, and accompanied by Jeffery Herrera.

Sophomore Princess Mariah Vigil was escorted by her father, Joe Vigil, and accompanied by David Storey.

Freshman Princess Gabriella Garcia was escorted by her father, Elco Garcia, and accompanied by Clayton Jefferson.

The Winter Royalty ceremonies also included a performance from the Mini Bobcat Cheerleaders (right), made up of girls from the Ignacio Elementary and Intermediate schools. The Mini Bobcats practiced throughout the week and performed three cheers for the Ignacio and Ridgway fans.



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Coach La Titia Taylor (above photo) looks on as her team attempts a field goal during the Jan. 29 victory over the Dolores Bears at home. Ignacio came away with a 60-21 win, extending its undefeated season to 11-0. Ignacio Junior High's Klayson Smith (1) starts the Jan. 29 game against Dolores Middle School (below photo) with a winning tip-off.

## IJHS extends unbeaten season to 11-0

By Amy Barry  
The Southern Ute Drum

The Ignacio Junior High School boys' basketball team stretched its undefeated season to 11-0 on Jan. 29 with a decisive 60-21 win over the Dolores Bears.

Adison Jones led the team in scoring with 24 points; following Jones were Anthony Manzanares with 12 points, Xavier Reynolds with 8, Klayson Smith and Wyatt Hayes with 6 each, and Andrew Martinez and Nicholas Herrera each with a pair.

Charles Rhode and Austin McCaw led the way defensively with tough play and big rebounding.

The team is now gearing up for its last regular-season games this weekend, when it will face Dove Creek and Nucla, which both suffered losses against the skilled Ignacio squad. The league tournament is scheduled for Feb. 19 in Nucla.

The team is coached by La Titia Taylor and Kathy Herrera.



## Brooks roughs up Ridgway • from page 7



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Paul Tahlo becomes a beast for the ball, prying it from Ridgway's Alex Radovanovici (25) during a Feb. 5 home game. Ignacio continued their winning ways in San Juan Basin League play, 66-59 over the Demons.

But after Avila fouled out with 0:32 left, the Cats iced the game at the line with Brooks hitting his final two and senior Pedro Vigil – contained all night by the taller Ridgway backcourt – added one.

Crozier amassed 26 points in defeat and finished with six makes from downtown. Skalla and Avila each totaled nine points, and Woodruff four. Black finished with seven points for Ignacio, Tahlo had five, Watts and Vigil each finished with two.

The Bobcats (14-2, 9-0 SJBL) host Mancos Feb. 11 and travel to Telluride tomorrow in more league action, then wrap up the regular season at non-league Bayfield on Feb. 15.

"We need to work harder, I think, conditioning-wise ... mentally," Brooks said. "From here on out it's mostly mental, so we just need to get our minds focused on the games and be prepared to play."

## Lady Cats best '09-10 record • from page 1

"We were playing aggressive. I got hit in the face and I was thinking, 'Oh no! What about my picture?'" she admitted afterwards. "But then I was like, 'Forget it. ... It's going to ruin my night if we don't win.' And that's what's important: playing. It's my last season."

Doing her best to help all the Lady Bobcats feel regal, Mirabal poured in 14 points and snared seven rebounds as Ignacio preserved a fast pace to rebuff Ridgway, 62-52, topping last year's win total in the process.

"I think it's a significant change in our program," Searles said of the accomplishment. "Before the game, I was telling the girls that as each game goes on, expectation levels of us go on. And I think there's been challenges within the team, saying 'We can't make mistakes; stepping up is what it's all about.'"

Cloe Seibel, who also grabbed seven boards, made it her personal mission. Swishing key three-pointers to begin both the second and third quarters and rattling in another midway through the third to halt a Ridgway run, the freshman totaled 26 points, off-setting Lady Demon Candace Yengst's 20, while seeking to improve upon her nine netted at Dove Creek the night before.

"I thought I didn't play my game," she said, despite Ignacio winning 54-48. "Got chewed out by my dad [IHS boys' assistant Shane Seibel], honestly, so I just had to play a new game. Get a fresh start."

The Lady Cats couldn't have been any fresher as they led 16-7 out of the gate. And though their transition defense was exposed, courtesy of a 9-3 Ridgway run, Ignacio never lost composure.

Or the lead, which stood 21-18 after eight minutes, after Seibel hit a long jumper from the left side to counter a short Yengst pull-up shot. And after Seibel's first (of four total) triple began the second, Ridgway boss Steve Hill – over 740 total wins to his name – called a timeout following a Mirabal steal-and-layup that put Ignacio ahead 26-18.

The tempo finally slowed until Seibel cashed a three from straight away with 0:35 before halftime, giving the Lady Cats a 34-22 advantage that held into



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Aggressive defense definitely aided Ignacio in their win over Ridgway Feb. 5 at home. Rose Mirabal (30) and Pam Cotton (at rear) team up to disrupt a shot attempt by Ridgway's Selina Hernandez (23), but apparently none could bear to watch.

the break. But after the pause, Ignacio (8-7, 6-4 SJBL) returned, looking as fresh as ever, with a Seibel three.

Who then followed? Mirabal, of course, converting a three-point play after taking contact from Ridgway's Jenna Beamer on a fast-break layup, increasing Ignacio's lead to its maximum of 16, 40-24. Ridgway would get the margin back down to a dozen (48-36) entering the fourth quarter, via two long Amelia Radovanovici (12 points) jumpers, and cut it down to just seven on two occasions, but the Lady Cats always had an answer.

Late in the game, its name was Pamela Cotton. Preoccupying Ridgway's posts in the first half, helping goad both Yengst and Selina Hernandez into foul trouble, Cotton helped seal the deal with a fine feed to Mariah Vigil for an easy hoop with 2:42 left. Ignacio led 55-45 at that point, and Cotton (who put 19 points on DC, 11 on RHS) finished an "and-one" effort with 0:28 remaining for the final lead.

Guard Michelle Simmons,

who totaled just nine points in the two league victories, punctuated it with an emphatic rejection of a Yengst attempt with three ticks left.

"We're just doing really great. Don't know how to explain it!" said Cotton, who made 14 of 19 free-throw tries in the wins. "Just practicing hard ... same things, same drills, same everything."

"To be honest I think we're going to go at it a little harder," said Searles, looking ahead to a Feb. 11 game against Mancos and a Feb. 12 game at Telluride. "In getting ourselves ready and tuned up for districts, the only thing to do is stay on the same path that we are. Our defense has had some lapses, but offensively...the results are obvious: When you have the extra preparation, it shows up out here."

Ignacio's regular season ends Feb. 15 at non-league Bayfield.

"Once you start winning and getting ... how to establish it, it stays with you," Searles said. "And for our girls now, it's time to make sure they're all able to contribute when they come into a game."

## Matmen rule league championship • from page 7

Short story shorter, the carpool up in an Ignacio School District vehicle took longer than the meet.

They came, they saw, they left. Minus Alex Pena, Jeff Herrera, Antonio Torres (all out due to injury), Knoll and Derrick Naranjo (illnesses), head coach Bob Overturf's depleted roster still packed enough punch to nearly place fourth in the five-team test. Ignacio totaled 51 points, five behind the host Nucla Mustangs. Norwood was third with 78, and Dolores (100) trailed Dove Creek (139) in the race for first.

Only six weights had three or more competitors filling up the round-robin brackets, Haga's and Overturf's being two of them. At 145 pounds, Haga began by pinning DC's Jeff Sparks in 1:26, then stuck Dolores' Bronco Odell 42 seconds into the second period, then met Nucla's Tray Sickels for the title.

Tied 0-0 after one period, Haga (No. 2 at 145 in Class 2A) took a 4-2 lead through four minutes against the No. 2 140-pounder (moved up by coach Michael Bena for the challenge of facing a state contender), then fought a scoreless third period to finish 3-0 for the tournament.

Overturf (who'd been No. 4 among 160-pounders, behind now-injured No. 3 Seth Knob of Nucla) began at 152 by blitzing Norwood's Dallas Harrigan and notching a 15-second pin.

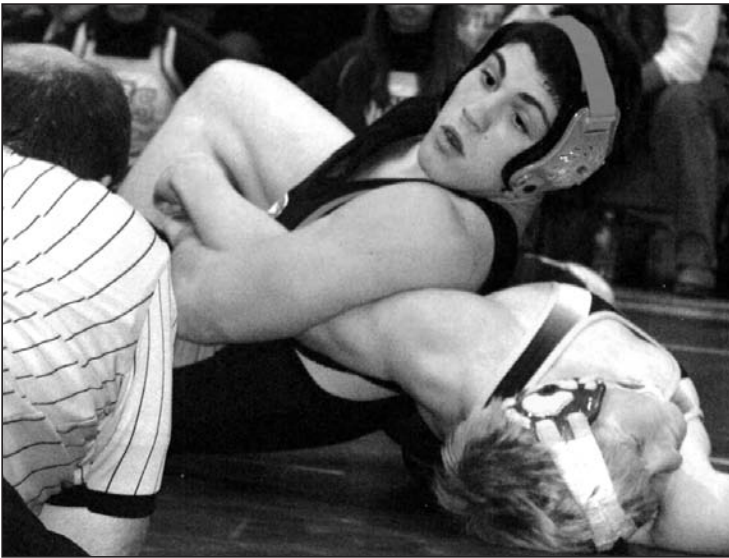


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Ignacio's Teagan Overturf keeps a watch on the referee for a pin signal while pressing downward on the shoulder of Nucla's Brandon Morgan at the Feb. 4 San Juan Basin League championships at NHS. Overturf won by 19-2 technical fall, and later finished the tournament 3-0 at 152 pounds.

Nucla's Brandon Morgan didn't fare much better, routed by 19-2 technical fall, and Dolores's Ryan Johnston found his shoulders stuck in just 1:17.

And Wyatt found out how spotty cellular phone service in western Montrose County can be, when upon learning he had no opposition at 189 pounds, attempted unsuccessfully to call his folks and inform them to about-face it back toward home. Given that seven brackets had just one match, one could assume Wyatt earned one forfeit win just by attending – making him 29-5 overall.

Overturf improved to 20-7 in

his first season at Ignacio, and Haga improved to 36-2 entering this weekend's 2A-Region II Championships at John Mall High in Walsenburg. The other four SJBL teams will be in Region I at Palisade High.

Pena, No. 1 at 119 pounds, still stands 27-2; Naranjo 11-13 at 171; and Knoll 5-17 in his first prep campaign. Herrera's junior season (only 5-5 at 125) appears finished, as cracked ribs suffered at Shiprock's Garrison Spencer Memorial still have him on the mend, but Torres (5-2 at 103) could be available if doctors are satisfied with his post-concussion progress.

## Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League

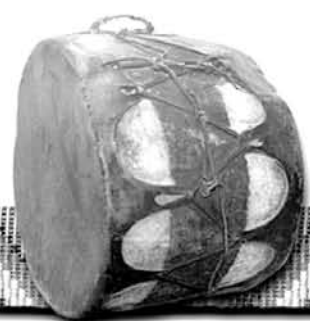
2010-11 Basketball Standings (as of Feb. 7)

BOYS	OVERALL		SJBL	PER GAME		GIRLS	OVERALL		SJBL	PER GAME	
Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Us/Them		Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Us/Them	
IGNACIO	14-2	.857	9-0	63.7/41.6		Norwood	15-1	.937	11-0	51.2/24.1	
Mancos	9-6	.600	7-3	55.5/49.5		Dolores	12-4	.750	9-1	54.5/39.1	
Ouray	10-5	.667	6-3	59.6/45.9		IGNACIO	8-7	.533	6-4	48.4/50.4	
Norwood	7-9	.437	6-5	54.1/54.4		Telluride	8-6	.571	6-6	40.9/43.3	
Ridgway#	7-8	.467	5-5	59.9/52.6		Ridgway#	7-7	.500	5-6	44.3/42.6	
Dolores	5-11	.312	4-5	44.2/56.7		Dove Creek	10-5	.667	4-5	48.3/39.1	
Telluride	3-9	.250	2-8	36.2/54.4		Mancos	5-9	.357	4-6	37.6/42.5	
Nucla	0-15	.000	0-10	33.2/68.7		Ouray	2-13	.133	1-9	32.9/54.4	
(# one game not reported)						Nucla	3-13	.110	1-10	34.6/55.0	

— compiled by Joel Priest

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## Why golf when you can fish?

**By Don Oliver**

*Special to the Drum*

I believe anyone wanting to begin playing the absurd game of golf will have a much easier time choosing new clubs than the person wanting to take up fly-fishing will have picking the correct fly rod.

I am extremely qualified to discuss this issue. I used to play golf and was finally able to quit after participating in a 12-step program and years of psychotherapy.

As part of the therapy, I was advised to become a professional fly-fishing guide. I took that advice, and my life has never been the same. The voices tell me I am a much better person to be around.

Anyway, the new wannabe-golfer merely has to walk into the pro shop, point to a set of clubs, golf bag, golf glove, and a dozen balls, then hand the golf pro his credit card and walk out the door.

Oh, wait – the new golfer also has to sign up for lessons that will last the rest his life. A pre-paid package works best.

It's a little different for the new fly-fisherman. Let's say you've decided to learn how to fly-fish, but have no clue about how to get started. Let's further assume that your next door neighbor, who is an avid fly-fisherman, has the good sense to take you to his favorite fly-shop.

To humor me even more, let's pretend it's a perfect world and he looks the shop owner in the eye and says, "John, this is my



neighbor and he wants to learn how to fly-fish. Do you have the time to help get him started?"

John responds, "Of course I do. I have all day."

So now the learning process begins, for both John and his new protégé.

For any professional to help you get started, he will need to know where it is you are planning to fly-fish. Since fly-rods come in different lengths and weights, for very different situations, I believe this is a critical question. If you are planning on fly-fishing strictly in small streams, a 9-foot, 9-weight fly-rod is not the rod for you.

On the other hand, if you are planning to become a tournament bass fisherman using a fly-rod, the professional will direct you to a fly-rod that is legal for tournament bass fishing.

Assuming you are like most new fly-fisherman, and you want an all-around rod that will work in most any situation, I recom-

mend a 9-foot, 5-weight rod. You will also want a 4-piece rod; they just travel better.

You will also have a choice as to how stiff a rod you purchase. Go with what's called a mid-flex. For your first reel, one with a drag for big fish is needed.

Now that you've picked out a rod and reel, hire one of John's guides who specializes in teaching and head for a pond to learn how to cast. The big difference between learning how to cast and how to hit a golf ball straight is that you won't need a lifetime of casting instruction.

Of course, like any worthwhile sport, fly-fishing will allow you to purchase more specialized equipment. The small stream rod will need to be shorter and lighter than your all-around 5-weight. Want to try saltwater fly-fishing? 9 to 12-weight rods are the norm.

And the price of a good saltwater reel will take your breath away. Then, of course, there are flies, waders, vests, and all sorts of knick-knacks. You can also hire a professional to teach you all sorts of specialized casts for different situations.

Wait a minute. Lots of equipment, lessons on how to use it, being outdoors, spending all your free time either using the equipment or talking about it? Golf and fly-fishing seem like similar sports. I sure hope you don't have to find a 12-step program and psychotherapist.

I wonder, would becoming a pilot be easier and cheaper?

## Express Your Opinions

### Salvation Army thanks community help

The Salvation Army Service Extension Unit of La Plata County would like to thank the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and Ignacio for their continued support and contributions to Salvation Army.

We collected \$97,300 in the kettles during this past holiday season, which will continue to provide emergency assistance to residents of our county. In total, 642 of you rang the bells, putting in 1,284 hours of service. We could not have a successful bell ringing campaign without businesses who allow us to ring from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day.

Thank you to the Shur Value in Ignacio for being a bell ringing

location for Salvation Army again this year. Thanks also to Gail McDonald for coordinating the campaign there.

Salvation Army partners with many community agencies during the year to provide assistance to individuals. We value our working relationships with VOA Community Shelter, City Market Pharmacy and Grocery store, Rite Aide, Shell Gas Station, Durango Bus Center, Spanish Trails, SW Prison Ministry, Jail Ministry, and First National Bank.

Our partners at the Community Emergency Assistance Coalition partner with us to provide funding for crisis situations. United Way, La Plata County Department of Human Services, Housing Solutions for the SW,

Advocacy for La Plata, and VOA Community Shelter serve the needs of so many individuals in our community.

We value the spirit of the civic groups, churches, high school clubs, families, musicians, and businesses who consider bell ringing an important part of their holiday season.

Most of all, we thank you for putting all that change in the kettles this year. We gratefully accept donations all year and they can be sent to P.O. Box 3296, Durango, CO 81302. Thank you!

*Wanda Ellingson*

*Chairwoman,*

*Salvation Army Service Extension Unit of La Plata County*

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## VA cautions against sharing info with unaffiliated group

### Media release

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Also, be aware that the

Department of Veterans Affairs does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not already have, such as Social Security numbers. In particular, if you have not dealt with the VA previously – and in person – and suddenly you receive a call from someone saying they are with the VA or something similar sounding, hang up the phone.

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## Valentine's, birthday & anniversary wishes

### To Bryan and Donna Rock

Best Valentine Grandma and Papa  
On Valentine's Day, we think of you,  
Grandma & Papa;  
we love you really a lot.  
In our life that's full of many good things,  
You're the very best thing we got!  
It's Valentine's Day. so we want to say,  
We are the luckiest kids anywhere;  
You're the sweetest, greatest,  
best Grandma & Papa around  
and we want you to know we care!  
Happy Valentine's Day, Grandma and Papa!!  
*From Tanneigha and Marissa O'John*

### To Noreen and Lenora Rock

Happy Valentine's Day to our Aunt's  
We are happy you're our Aunt  
We hope that you can see,  
We are really glad to have you as  
A part of our family!  
We like you guys a lot and  
we are glad we're related!  
*From Tanneigha and Marissa O'John*

### To My Cooties

You've given me a reason  
For smiling once again,  
You've filled my life with peaceful dreams  
and you've become my closest friend.  
You've shared your heartfelt secrets  
And your trust you've given me,  
You showed me how to feel again  
To laugh, and love, and see.  
If life should end tomorrow  
And from this world I should part,  
I shall be forever young  
For you have deeply touched my heart...  
*I Love You Always,  
Skweebz*

### To my Children & Grandson Shayleen and Jaryn Watts, and Ethan Rock

My love is always here for you all,  
Not matter how long the miles we are apart  
We are just a phone call away,  
My love for you all  
will always be within my Heart  
*Love you lots, Mom*

### To Our Mother, Irene Burch

A great mother loves without reason  
Through winter, summer, spring, and fall  
Her love is unconditional, despite the season.  
A great mother knows when to talk  
And just how to listen.  
She knows when to walk away  
And save the issues for another day.  
Even when she's angry  
She never takes it out on others.  
That's why only a few women  
Can indeed be called great mothers.  
Only one woman can be the Best mother,  
And Mom, That's You!!  
*Love all the girls...*

### Happy Valentine's Day to Katrina Lynn

Have a wonderful day  
*From Ken, Seth and Jade*

### We want to wish our family a Valentines wish

We love you so much and  
miss you all every single day.  
*Tamieria and Family, Sam and Family, Nicole  
and Family, Landis and Family, Leandrio and  
Family, Mom "JudyBug" and our Sunky Lilly*

### Always Together and Forever

"Happy Valentines"  
With lots of love,  
*Your sons and uncles,  
Nikko and Juan*

### Happy 3rd Anniversary on February 14, 2011 to Steve and Lena Gallegos

It's been an exciting and  
wonderful journey together.  
May the Creator bless us on our road ahead...

### Happy Valentines Day to Irene C. Burch

"We Love you Mom!"  
*With love,  
Lena Mae, Steve, & Summer*

### Mrs. Lena Mae Gallegos

Happy Birthday Feb. 6th 2011!  
We love and care for you so much! Thank you  
for being such a wonderful wife and mother!  
Also for all you do for our family!  
*We love you,  
Steve and Summer Skye*

### Look Who Is Going To Be 13! Happy Birthday to Arnulfo Pardo III, on Feb. 12

We can remember when you started playing T-ball when you were only 4. You were so determined to get that baseball even when it wasn't hit your way. You never missed a baseball season and this year you will be playing in the Sandy Koufax league. You have had some great seasons playing in the state tournaments, regional tournament, and all-Indian baseball Tournaments (in Shiprock and Phoenix) as well as in the district and state football tournaments. You have proven yourself to be a great third baseman, good pitcher and in football an offensive/defensive nose guard. You have grown into to a very thoughtful, considerate, and caring young man. Keep up the good work in your academics in school. We will always be there to support you in your endeavors. We love you so very much, may the Creator be with you always.  
*Grandpa and Grammie Frost*

### Happy Birthday Ames on Feb. 10

We hope you have a wonderful birthday!  
Boy, time sure does fly by,  
it seems like yesterday you were just a baby  
and now you're... how old?  
*We love you Ames,  
Uncle Ray and Auntie Edna*

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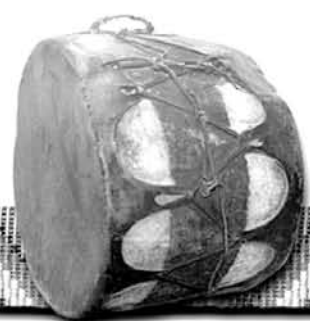
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### Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com

**Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.**

#### Senior Environmental, Health & Safety Specialist

Closing date 2/15/11 – Growth Fund (SECMG)  
Responsible for coordinating the Spill Response and Waste Management Program and various health and safety regulatory functions.

#### Chief Financial Officer

Closing date 2/18/2011– Aka Energy Group  
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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COMMITTEE Election Board Vacancy

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- must be a registered tribal voter
- must reside on the reservation
- cannot be a Tribal Council member, or a candidate for tribal office
- must not have been convicted of a felony
- must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five (5) years.

All interested Tribal members are urged to pick up an application or submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building before 5:00 p.m. on March 11.

### SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

#### Residential Assistant

Closing date 2/18/11 – Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP  
1 full-time residential assistant. Must have High School Diploma/GED, minimum 2 years of con-

tinuous sobriety. Must be available to work week-ends, nights, midnight shifts, irregular shifts and holidays. Must pass criminal history background check.

## SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Transportation Maintenance Worker 1

The Adult Occupational Training Program, and the Colorado Department of Transportation are advertising the Transportation Maintenance Worker 1. This training program will be under the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, for six months and six months under CDOT and will be employed in Durango, CO. Applications can be picked up at the Education Department, or the Human Resources Department, deadline to apply is Monday, Feb. 28, 2011 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

#### Major responsibilities:

This position is a training position to become a fully operational Transportation Maintenance Worker I. These positions will receive top notch training from our professional Maintenance Department Staff in roadside, facility, traffic, bridge, and equipment maintenance as well as training in the operation of snow removal equipment. Specific job duties vary by position and location. This position will work under the guidance and supervision of a lead worker to perform the following duties:

Attending training, safety classes, and meetings related to maintenance activities.  
Performing the following duties under a lead worker: roadway surface maintenance and maintaining roadside appearance and facilities;  
Maintaining traffic maintenance signs and traffic delineations;  
Learning to apply paint and thermoplastic with specialized striping equipment;  
Installing crosswalks, stop bars, lane control arrows, symbols and legends to the roadway surface;  
Operating snow removal equipment to keep roads free and clear of snow and ice;  
Maintaining and repairing bridge structures; maintaining assigned equipment, buildings, grounds, rest areas and miscellaneous structures;  
Stockpiling and/or hauling material as needed.  
Will learn to provide road and weather reports and other pertinent information to the dispatch center

or other agencies as needed through observation and training:  
Other duties as assigned or required.

**Education and experience requirements:** One year of labor experience in heavy construction, heavy equipment operation, or farming equipment use.

Possess and maintain a valid Colorado Driver's License and a good driving record.  
The selected individual must be able to obtain a Colorado Commercial Driver's License within 1 year from hire with appropriate DOT Medical Card and endorsements (e.g. Tanker, HazMat, Air Brakes)  
This experience must be specifically documented on your application.

#### Necessary special requirements:

Colorado Driving Record release waiver, verification & check may be required during the hiring process

Must pass a pre-employment medical physical and a controlled substance test (i.e. drug test). A criminal background check may be conducted.  
Must live with twenty (20) miles of where the workstation and/or equipment are located. This is necessary in order to report for emergency work within thirty (30) minutes driving time under adverse weather conditions, after notified to report to work. Knowledge of an emergency or hazardous condition may be considered to be notification to report to work station.  
Must be willing to respond to emergencies outside regular work hours and work overtime including weekends and holidays.

Must be willing and be physically able to work in extreme temperatures and weather conditions for long periods of time.

Must provide the supervisor with a telephone number where he/she can be reached for the purpose of responding to an emergency.

Must be able to read, understand and follow oral and written instructions in English.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept.

P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

\*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

#### Health Services Manager / Lead CHR

Closing date 2/15/11 – Responsible for the Management and administration of programs and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding.

#### Wellness Court Coordinator

Closing date 2/18/11 – Professional position responsible for coordinating, organizing, and disseminating information between crucial key agencies which interact with the Southern Ute Tribal Court. This position has responsibility for assessing and monitoring approximately 15 juvenile wellness court clients for compliance. This is a full-time position with irregular hours and is contingent on grant funds being available.

#### Detention Officer

Closing date 2/22/11 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center.

#### Food Service Coordinator

Closing date 2/22/11 – Responsible for the administration of the Food Service Program for the Southern Ute Tribal Detention Center.

#### Patrol Officer

Closing date 2/22/11 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

#### Risk Coordinator

Closing date 2/22/11 – Assists the Risk Manager in all functions of Risk Management with an emphasis on workers' compensation and property and liability insurance.

#### Advanced Practice Nurse

Open Until Filled – Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

#### Cultural Department Director

Closing date 2/25/11 – Professional management position with the overall responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal cultural and historic programs and various related activities. The Culture Department Director provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the Department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute culture and history. The Director shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspectives of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions is the tribal membership.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

*\*Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for six months.*

### For Rent

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**The Property Manager, 970-259-0222.**

### Found

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### Ignacio School District

Application/Information: (970) 563-0500 ext. 221

Job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year

#### District Receptionist/warehouse person

Closing date 2/11/11 – Ignacio School District has an opening for a District Receptionist/Warehouse Person. Position includes secretarial work and warehouse receiving.

### KSUT - Public Radio

KSUT Offices: 970-563-0255 • P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137

Send cover letter and resume to [radiohr77@yahoo.com](mailto:radiohr77@yahoo.com) • KSUT online: [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org)

KSUT is an Equal Opportunity Employer

#### Underwriting Sales Representative

Open until filled – Administration Director for a local radio station, responsible for the timely completion of all administrative functions and support of the strategic vision. Provides direct business management, budgeting and financial oversight support to the management team and the Board of Directors. A Bachelors Degree is required along with a minimum of 5 years experience in office management, accounting, budget preparation/management, program/project management and grant management. Good people, organizational, leadership and communication skills are a necessity. Previous non-profit management and grant writing experience a must. Must be self-motivated and a team player.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419

P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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#### Food & Beverage

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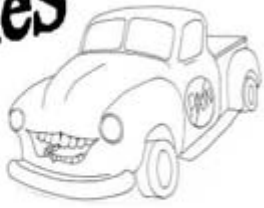


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## \$3.4 billion Indian trust settlement official notice

The \$3.4 billion Cobell v. Salazar settlement with the federal government concerns Individual Indian Money (or IIM) accounts and land held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians. I have attached a release that outlines how affected beneficiaries can receive benefits under the settlement. Approximately 500,000 class members are covered by the Settlement.

Your audience has been identified as one that has many potential class members. Individual Indians unsure if they are included in the settlement can go to [WWW.INDIANTRUST.COM](http://WWW.INDIANTRUST.COM) or call toll free 800-961-6109 for more information about the lawsuit and settlement, including rights, obligations, and claim forms. Please let me know if I can provide you with additional information or answer any questions for you.

Tyler Tullis, Account Assistant, Desautel Hege Communications, 315 W. Riverside, Suite 200, Spokane, WA 99201. Phone: 509-444-2350 x118. Email: [tylert@desautelhege.com](mailto:tylert@desautelhege.com)

**This settlement resolves the government's failure to provide an historical accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mis-managed funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing, and other leases of non-tribal Indian lands.**

### By the numbers:

- \$1.5 billion will be available to distribute to an estimated 500,000 affected class members.
- A majority of class members are currently estimated to receive payments totaling about \$1,800, with some class members receiving much more depending on the level of activity in their IIM accounts.
- \$1.9 billion will be used by the Department of the Interior to buy small interests in trust or restricted lands from individual Indians willing to sell their fractionated land for return to tribal use.
- Up to \$60 million of the \$1.9 billion will be made available to provide higher education scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

### Two classes eligible to receive money from the settlement:

- The historical accounting class: individual Indians who had at least one cash transaction in an open IIM Account between Oct. 25, 1994 and Sept. 30, 2009.
- The trust administration class: individual Indians who owned trust land as of Sept. 30, 2009 or who had an IIM account at any point in time between 1985 and Sept. 30, 2009.
- Estates of deceased class members may also be eligible to receive money.

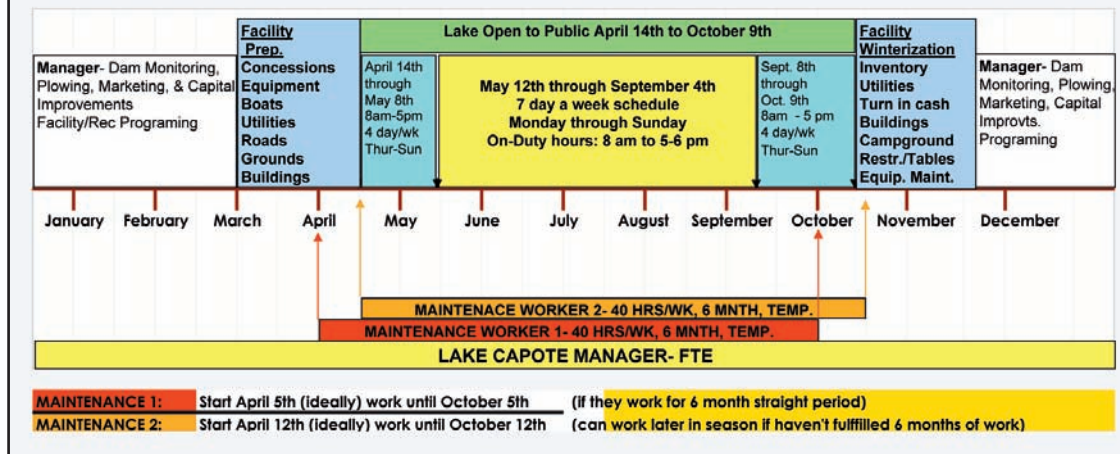
## College to offer Ute curriculum



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Colorado Northwestern Community College paid a visit to the Southern Ute Reservation on Thursday, Jan. 27, to present the Ute Learning Community, a program specific to the three Ute tribes. The Education Department hosted an informational dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. David Smith, vice president of instruction and student affairs, introduced the program, which will allow students to earn credits for learning about Ute language and culture starting in fall 2011. It's being jointly designed by the Northern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Southern Ute tribes. Southern Ute Council Lady Ramona Eagle speaks with students (top) before the presentation. Education Counselor Lisa Pratchett (above) offers advice as students fill out college application forms.

### 2011 Lake Capote Operating Schedule



Legal Notice

## Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

### For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

### Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

#### Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

#### Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

### What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

### How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

### What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.